Barnesville, Ga.
September 16, 1925.

Mrs. Mary Green Wilson,
Douglasville, Texas.

My dear Cousin Mary:

Since being home for about two weeks, I have about caught up with my work and will now take time to reply to both of your letters, one of August 12 and one of August 28.

I am coming to Texas now very shortly, unless I have to make a hurried trip to Europe, but it will be impossible to say just what time leave. I will have to wire you, but it will not be until the weather gets cooler.

I went over to Thomaston, Saturday morning and passed bb the old Green House. Did not see Jim or Annie any where on the outside.

I notice you have almost a complete cotton failure in Texas, especially in the Eastern potion of the state. We have had no rain here to speak of since February, and the average tennant does not know what will become of him through the Winter.

The influx to Florida is greater than ever before, for many months there has been from one to three thousand cars going through our town to Florida--coming all the way from Utah, Wisconsin, Indiana etc, and they keep going night and day.

When I come to Texas I will have to go to Douglasville, as I want to find if possible the grave of Effird Cobb Collier, who was born in 1868. I just received a photo of Mrs. Cuthbert Collier who married Cuthbert Collier, a brother of my great-grandfather Robert Collier. This was sent to me by Mr. James H. Childs from Los Angeles, California.

When I make this trip, it will be an inspection trip around over all the states, as I am largely interested in cotton all the time, and I will go from Atlanta to Memphis, Merridian to Little Rock and then into your section and then swing out into the Central and Western portion of the state, to see some of the Colliers that are scattered about. They all seem to be farmers. Edward Flu Kleen Collier that lives in Texas is the son of Effird Cobb Collier, and by the way Uncle Effird oldest daughter Fanny who was a Mrs. McCoy and born back in 1836, died on the 18 of June at Goldthawaite, Mills County. She was one of the old ones I expected to see on my expected trip last May.

I used to have about one-hundred-fifty customers in Texas, and all the little towns of five-thousand people and more when I worked the retail delivery from our factory--this was about twenty years ago, but shortly after we began selling exclusively the wholesale trade, and only sold to such people as Singer Bros., Mistro Bros., & Co., Galveston Dry Good, Galouis, Butler Bros., and Sears Roebuck of Dallas.

Your letters have been very interesting, infact a common business man like myself, could not write so interesting a letter as you have written.

I wish you had requested your friend Miss Snipes when she went to Washington, D. C. to come through Atlanta--as quite frequently they do from your section,--and I would have taken pleasure of entertaining her for a day, showing her what a great city Atlanta is.

Why don't you write Annie Green at the Old Home? Annie is in bad health. The same old oak trees are still in front of the house and the cemitary is out at the right in front across the road.

Yes, your old home is still standing near Thomaston, it was owned for many years by Mr. James Lewis, who is still living but is very old. I do not know who owns the house now, but it is being kept in good repair and is beautifully kept. My father used to tell me about this being Uncle John Green's home.

Please pardon me for over looking your sketch for it should have gone to you long ago. I am inclosing it herewith.

We feel like you should try to come to Georgia, as you are perhaps younger than we are.

With good wishes always and sincere regards from all the family.

Very sincerely,
J. C. Collier.

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